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More Answers Wanted from Mrs. Oswald by Commission
On His Life in Russia and Apparent Contradictions

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WASHINGTON — Members of the special commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy are unsatisfied with the testimony of Mrs. Marina Oswald, and want her recalled for further questioning.

So far, no formal action has been taken on that, as the critics are heavily preoccupied with pressing Congressional obligations, primarily the protracted Senate battle over civil rights. As a result, they have had little opportunity to personally question Mrs. Oswald.

But after reading the transcript of her second interrogation, these members are convinced the 22-year-old widow of the killer can still provide important information.

In her two appearances, she gave every indication of desiring to be cooperative and helpful. At the same time, her testimony has shed little light on certain vital aspects of her husband's life and activities on which the probers are still very much in the dark and which they are trying to piece together.

TWO REASONS

Two reasons are behind the private feeling Mrs. Oswald should be brought back for another round of close questioning:

(1) Despite six months of intensive investigating, in which scores of witnesses have been heard, and many thousands of pages of testimony and hundreds of documents and reports accumulated, the commission is still confronted with two key gaps — Oswald's connections and activities during the three years he lived in Russia as an avowed defector, and his subsequent operations and relations after returning to the United States.

The latter includes, several months before the Dallas slaying, a still-mysterious trip to Mexico, participating in a pro-Castro demonstration in New Orleans, and getting a passport there, on the same day he applied for it, that would have enabled him to go back to Russia.

(2) These are seeming contradictions in Mrs. Oswald's testimony.

LOOSE ENDS

Graphically illustrative of the latter was last week's interrogation of the widow on two points.

For the first time, Mrs. Oswald stated she knew her husband had attended "meetings." In her previous testimony, she had asserted she had no knowledge of her husband's activities and associations. But this time she acknowledged being aware he had gone to "meetings."

"What kind of meetings?"

"Political meetings," she replied.

Close questioning brought no further elucidation. Mrs. Oswald claimed she knew nothing about these meetings; their location or nature. She related that all she knew was that her husband had told her he had been at "meetings."

She also testified she was aware her husband possessed a rifle and a pistol, and that he was very bitter about the "capitalistic system" in the U.S. because of its "injustices and hardships on the working people." She described her husband as feeling very strongly that the "capitalistic system" had deprived him, his mother and her other children of opportunity to improve and advance themselves.

NO THREATS

In revealing these highly significant facts, Mrs. Oswald, in answer to a question, insisted she had never heard her husband make threats against anyone.

"You say," she was asked, "that although you knew he had a rifle and a pistol, and was very bitter toward the U.S. and the capitalistic system, you never heard him threaten to kill anyone."

"No, he made no threats," replied Mrs. Oswald.

"Yet you have told us that your husband came home one night and told you he had tried to kill Gen. Walker."

"Yes, he told me that."

"And you have testified he also told you he was going to kill Vice President Nixon."

"Yes, he told me that. But Mr. Nixon did not come to Dallas at that time."

"Did your husband ever express hatred of Gov. John Connally?"

"No."

"Did your husband ever expressed hatred of General Walker?"

"No."

"But he did tell you he tried to shoot him."

"Yes."

"Did you ever hear your husband express hatred of President Kennedy, or threaten to kill him?"

"No, never."

"Yet you are convinced he did kill the President."

"Yes."

"You say that at no time did he express hatred toward any particular individual or official."

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